

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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accomplish the desired delineation.


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The Honorable Herbert Hoover
c/o Hoover Library
Stanford University
Palo Alto, California

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is with reference to the Task Force under General Mark W. Clark which you have established to study the organization and administration of the CIA. I would like to insure that there is no misunderstanding as to the scope of the inquiry to be conducted by General Clark. I believe this is vitally important inasmuch as the CIA is responsible for espionage, counterespionage and clandestine operations.

As I am sure you will agree, I do not feel that clandestine operations are a subject which should be broadly scrutinized outside of the Executive Branch of the Government. On the other hand, it is obviously within the scope of your jurisdiction to determine the appropriate location within the Government for the conduct of such operations. Consequently, I assume that one subject to which General Clark and his Task Force will address themselves will be whether clandestine operations are properly located under the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is also of vital importance that the clandestine operations themselves be reviewed to determine whether they have been properly conducted and wisely conceived. To do this job I have established a small task force under Lieutenant General James Doolittle. General Doolittle's group is already at work, and the results of their inquiry can be made available to General Clark's Task Force at the appropriate time.

I am sure that this arrangement will meet with the approval of yourself and General Clark.

Faithfully yours,

Dwight D. Eisenhower